

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
December 19, 2001

**Northern States Power Company
December 2001
Purchased Gas Adjustment**

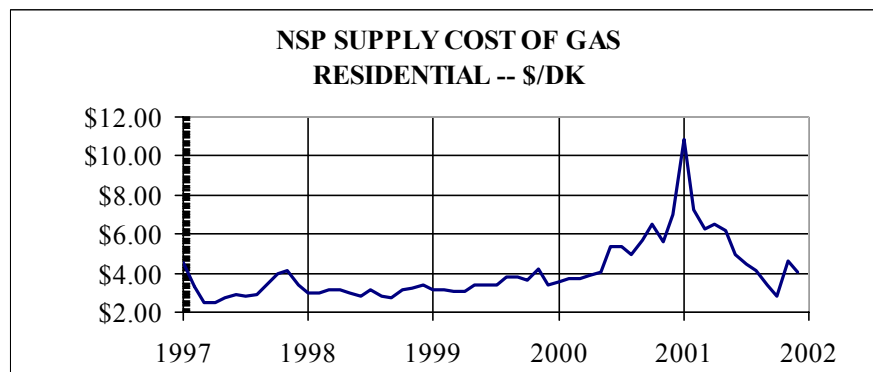
**PU-400-01-620
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

In this filing, NSP is decreasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.6227 per dK for gas used on and after December 2, 2001. This changes the current cost of gas adjustment from \$4.6371 per dK to \$4.0144 per dK.

The decrease for residential customers results from a \$.6222 per dK decrease in the commodity cost of gas and a \$.0005 per dK decrease in the demand cost of gas.

The decrease in supplier price is attributed to an extremely warm November for most of the United States, which has pushed national storage levels to record marks and put downward pressure on near term natural gas prices. Assuming normal conditions, the national storage overhang will continue to place downward pressure on wholesale natural gas prices throughout this heating season.



This change in cost of gas decreases the bill by \$10.52 for a residential customer with usage of 16.9 dK in December.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's December 2001 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-01-620.

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